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King James Version
Nahum

3 ¹ Woe to the bloody city! it is all full of lies and robbery; the prey departeth not;
² The noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the
pransing horses, and of the jumping chariots. ³ The horseman lifteth up both the
bright sword and the glittering spear: and there is a multitude of slain, and a great
number of carcases; and there is none end of their corpses; they stumble upon
their corpses: ⁴ Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the wellfavoured
harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms,
and families through her witchcrafts. ⁵ Behold, I am against thee, saith the LORD
of hosts; and I will discover thy skirts upon thy face, and I will shew the nations
thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy shame. ⁶ And I will cast abominable filth
upon thee, and make thee vile, and will set thee as a gazingstock. ⁷ And it shall
come to pass, that all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say,
Nineveh is laid waste: who will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comforters for
thee? ⁸ Art thou better than populous No, that was situate among the rivers, that
had the waters round about it, whose rampart was the sea, and her wall was from
the sea? ⁹ Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, and it was infinite; Put and
Lubim were thy helpers. ¹⁰ Yet was she carried away, she went into captivity: her
young children also were dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets: and they
cast lots for her honourable men, and all her great men were bound in chains.
¹¹ Thou also shalt be drunken: thou shalt be hid, thou also shalt seek strength
because of the enemy. ¹² All thy strong holds shall be like fig trees with the
firstripe figs: if they be shaken, they shall even fall into the mouth of the eater.
¹³ Behold, thy people in the midst of thee are women: the gates of thy land shall
be set wide open unto thine enemies: the fire shall devour thy bars. ¹⁴ Draw thee
waters for the siege, fortify thy strong holds: go into clay, and tread the mortar,
make strong the brickkiln. ¹⁵ There shall the fire devour thee; the sword shall cut
thee off, it shall eat thee up like the cankerworm: make thyself many as the
cankerworm, make thyself many as the locusts. ¹⁶ Thou hast multiplied thy
merchants above the stars of heaven: the cankerworm spoileth, and fleeth away.
¹⁷ Thy crowned are as the locusts, and thy captains as the great grasshoppers,
which camp in the hedges in the cold day, but when the sun ariseth they flee
away, and their place is not known where they are. ¹⁸ Thy shepherds slumber, O
king of Assyria: thy nobles shall dwell in the dust: thy people is scattered upon the
mountains, and no man gathereth them. ¹⁹ There is no healing of thy bruise; thy
wound is grievous: all that hear the bruit of thee shall clap the hands over thee: for
upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually?

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